

Senator Hartnett. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 23 of last year. At that time, it was referred to the Revenue Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. I have Revenue Committee amendments pending, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Anyone from the revenue department willing to take this? Senator Hefner, I'd like to have you do this, please.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I see our Chairman isn't here this morning so I will try to handle the committee amendments for you. The committee amendments eliminate the proposed Homestead Exemption Fund and instead transfers money from the School Weatherization Fund back to the permanent school fund. The amendment reduces the amount of severance tax funds allocated to the Nebraska Energy Resource Fund from the \$500,000 to the \$250,000 and repeals the allocation to the Department of Revenue and to the Nebraska Gasohol Committee. Mr. President, I move for the adoption of the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Hartnett, did you wish to speak about the committee amendments?

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. President and members of the body, I simply support the committee amendments as they came out of the revenue department.

PRESIDENT: All right. Mr. Clerk, I understand we have an amendment to the amendments.

CLERK: Senator Hartnett, you would move to amend the committee amendments, Senator. (The Hartnett amendment is found on page 299 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yes, Mr. President and members of the body, I had a handout yesterday and what this would do is it would raise...in our Revenue Committee...in the Revenue Committee we cut the amount of money that goes to the Nebraska Energy Resource Fund from 500,000 to 250, as proposed. And my amendment simply raises it up to the \$500,000. The way that the money would be allocated would be the 250,000 would stay in the State Energy Office, a \$100,000 would be to the Department of Revenue and that would be phased out in the year '88-89, and the 150,000 would be transferred to the General Fund. There was also...there was a natural gas technical assistance that was